



MEETING MINUTES

South Carolina Emergency Management IT
Community of Interest Council

Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 20, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: S. C. Emergency Management Division

Purpose of the Meeting To Inform EMC of a Grant Opportunity

Minutes Prepared By: Cindy Campbell

1. Attendance at Meeting

Lori Lambert (Charleston County)
Bill Tunick (Charleston County)
Kim Stenson (Emergency Management Division)
Steve Tucker (CIO)
Cindy Campbell (CIO)
Jacqui DiMaggio (Greenville Tec)
Darrell Black (CIO)
Paul Creede (CIO)
Frank Hinshaw (CIO)
Allison Corbett (CIO)

2. Meeting Agenda

- ✓ Tour of S.C. Emergency Management Division
- ✓ Welcome
- ✓ Introductions
- ✓ Brainstorming
- ✓ Adjournment



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3. Meeting Notes, Decisions, Issues

Darrell Black opened the meeting with thanks to everyone for taking time to be a part of the grants committee and work toward the common goal of pooling resources to augment Emergency Management and protect the citizens of South Carolina. Darrell informed that the goal for today's meeting is to share information, establish goals and mutual benefits.

Allison reminded everyone to turn in their follow up form from the December 4, 2007 meeting with as much information as possible.

Darrell asked that everyone share what they anticipate receiving and/or their goals from the meeting.

Lori Lambert began by stating that the Consolidated Dispatch Center is nearing final approvals in January, 2008, and then will move forward. Lori is hopeful that more can be done.

Bill Tunick added that their focus is on data interoperability. With new grant funding, Charleston County should begin implementing some of the designs.

Darrell informed that he will send everyone the link for NEIM (National Exchange Information Model), a national emergency preparedness direction that a lot of states are moving toward. The group discussed the ESF concept.

Jacqui DiMaggio shared that Greenville Tec has the space that is being looked at in the up-state. The College is looking into the possibility of becoming one of the FEMA Centers of Excellence to train those that would work in these type facilities. Allison asked if anyone else has this type of curriculum in South Carolina. Kim replied that there have been a few Emergency Management courses taught at USC and Clemson. These type courses are usually included in the Public Administration curriculum. Discussion was held regarding the need for this type of training in South Carolina.

Kim said there are a lot of duplicate projects. GIS is one example.



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Steve Tucker stated that his job includes looking for long term existing buildings rather than paying an outside vendor to provide a disaster recovery site and equipment. By not having the expensive outside vendor, the CIO will be able to provide an alternate backup location to counties that cannot afford to build the infrastructure.

Paul Creede added that a location is needed to be able to recover data should there be a disaster or outage. It is very important for this center to be located in our State and also be able to offer services to state agencies and local government.

Darrell then summarized everyone's desire of what they would like to see come out of the meeting:

It is important to have a technical environment that will share information regardless of jurisdiction. We have the space (Greenville Tec) and we want to build off of that with an educational component in order to, not only help the staff, but to grow and facilitate the intellectual property of South Carolina regarding Emergency Preparedness. We are also looking at building space and creating our own data storage environment along with having seamless backup operations that we can offer throughout the State and possibly beyond.

It was also mentioned that the Adjutant General's Office would like to be involved and is interested in utilizing this facility for data recovery. Allison Corbett suggested that Archives and History needs to be a part of this group. Darrell will provide Allison with a contact name for Archives and History.

Darrell advised that there are goals that need attending. We need to create the road map to get there and find a grant program that will assist with the funding. There has been a lot of background work done already.

Allison explained that the CIO's mission is connecting people and information. She then shared that her job is to do this through grants. The grant that was unfunded last year for Greenville Tec's Emergency Management Curriculum has real potential to get federal funding.



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Jacqui shared one point of interest is that Greenville County's Forensic Division is on the Greenville Tech campus. It includes observation space for student observations.

Allison will be in contact with everyone to gather more information. Lori requested a copy of Darrell's summary of the meeting. The summary will be sent to everyone and Darrell asked that if anyone has anything they need to add or change, please feel free.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

4. Action Items

Action	Assigned to	Due Date
a. No Action Items		
<i>Status</i>		

5. Next Meeting

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Location: State CIO office

Agenda: